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Good afternoon, please accept this letter of support for the inclusion of Mexican-American/Latino history into the revised frameworks. Mexican American/ Chicano history is substantially absent from public school textbooks and curriculum in California- and it has been since 1986. Latino student political non- participation and disconnectedness is significantly caused by Latino absence from the K-12 textbooks and curriculum. I myself have benefitted from all teachings and access to such Mexican-American/Chicano history that was inclusive that would eventually lead me to do my own dissertation, that was focused on the best practices of a Mexican American/Chicano community college effort called the Puente Project in California Community Colleges. This effort used such inclusion to motivate students to write and experience validation as they see themselves in the curriculum which inspires, motivates, validates, and encourages them to stay in college and persist to the bachelor's degree. My hope is that your inclusion, will have the same positive impact at the K-12 level. With today's changing demographics, and the need to help this generation stay in school and preparing for the careers and opportunities that lie ahead of them, which will all require levels of higher education, will only aid the economy of our state and nation, while helping a generation of children feel as fully embraced Americans as evident in an more inclusive curriculum with them in it. Thank you for this opportunity to show my support.

Respectfully,

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